



CHURCH OF

*St. Therese*

THE LITTLE FLOWER



"If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose,  
spring would lose its loveliness."

St. Therese of Lisieux

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**Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**Daily Mass Schedule**

Listed inside bulletin each week

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Third Wednesday of the month 6:15-6:45 p.m.

*Welcome New Parishioners*

The parish community of St. Therese  
welcomes you. Please see an usher or contact the  
Parish Office for a registration form.





**PALM SUNDAY**  
APRIL 2, 2023

## PARISH STAFF

**Business Manager:** Debbie Knarr  
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Mindy Scott  
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**Coordinator of Religious Education:** Nadine McGrady  
**Director of Music Ministry:**  
Kitty Witty  
**Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator:** Gary Dietz  
**Custodian:** Rosa Rodriguez

## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 1**

5:00 p.m. For the People

**Sunday, April 2**

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:30 a.m. For the Parishioners  
of St. Therese

**Monday, April 3**

No Mass

**Tuesday, April 4**

12:00 p.m. For the People

**Wednesday, April 5**

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners  
of St. Therese

**Thursday, April 6**

No Mass

**Friday, April 7**

No Mass

**Saturday, April 8**

5:00 p.m. Regina Exe

Requested by:  
Linda Gregory

**Sunday, April 9**

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners  
of St. Therese

10:30 a.m. For the People

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL  
VASE FLOWERS:**

A Perpetual Living Memorial  
for Anna Lupei.

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Greg & Fran Espiritu

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Monday, April 3 – Monday of Holy Week**

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday, April 4 – Tuesday of Holy Week**

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday, April 5 – Wednesday of Holy Week**

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday, April 6 – Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)**

**Chrim Mass:**

Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:**

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday, April 7 – Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

**(Good Friday)**

Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday, April 8 – Holy Saturday  
(Easter Vigil)**

Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,  
15-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4;  
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

**Sunday, April 9 –**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4  
or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** The Sacrament of Baptism is held by appointment. Please contact Fr. Gregory.

**MARRIAGE:** Please make arrangements through the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed date. If either party was married before, special procedures have to be followed and no date may be set.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:** If you are seriously ill, anticipating surgery, or weakened by advanced age, please take advantage of the scheduled celebrations or contact Father anytime for this sacrament.

## PARISH NEWS

### ***PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – APRIL 2, 2023***

"Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister?

Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**UPDATE:** Catholic Diocese of Richmond Annual Appeal update: We have so far collected \$15,478.00 or about 57% of our \$26,940.00 goal. Please make any physical checks payable to CDR Annual Appeal and remit to address below. Thank you for your continued support!



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**JUSTICE AND CHARITY PLANT SWAP:** Justice and Charity will be having a Caring for Creation Plant Swap on the weekend of April 22-23 after all Masses near the Youth Learning Center garden. As you clean, trim, and prepare your garden for spring, please put any extra plants in pots to share at the Plant Swap. You do not have to bring a plant to receive plants, as they are gifts to be shared with others. Let's share God's blessings.

**GRIEF SHARE:** Grief Share meets in the ALC on Sundays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. If you may be interested in this ministry, please contact Linda Gregory at 804-815-7695 or [lgregory0530@gmail.com](mailto:lgregory0530@gmail.com).

### **DOUGHNUTS WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!!**

Come to the Parish Social Hall for coffee, donuts, and fellowship, following the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses on April 9. Please consider hosting a doughnut Sunday!! There isn't much to it!! A Hospitality Team is needed for setting up and cleaning up once a month for this ministry. Interested? Contact Nadine McGrady at [N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org](mailto:N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org) or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for more information or to join the team.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** will return April 14 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact Nadine McGrady at [N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org](mailto:N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org) for more information.



**SCRIPTURE STUDY OPPORTUNITY:** Join us as we read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in Chronological Order. Meetings will be held each Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. Contact Nadine McGrady at 804-693-5939, ext. 3 or [N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org](mailto:N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org) for more information or to join.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Children's Liturgy of the Word is available during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children ages 3 to 2nd grade are invited.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION/RCIA UPDATES:** Please contact Kerry Fallon via email at [k.fallon@stthersglo.org](mailto:k.fallon@stthersglo.org) or call the office at 804-693-5939.

**SOUP WITH LOVE:** Soup with Love on March 24, 2023 served 60 souls with 14 helpers and received \$448.00 in donations.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL** meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Rosary is at 7:00 p.m. and a meeting is to follow.

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Know someone who is homebound and would like to be visited by a parishioner and receive Communion? Contact the office or Linda Gregory at [lgregory0530@gmail.com](mailto:lgregory0530@gmail.com).

**COME JOIN FATHER GREGORY ON A FABULOUS PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE** on **October 16-27!** Check out the special website for his pilgrimage where you can get all pertinent information, especially itinerary and cost, at [www.travelillum.com/trc/kna](http://www.travelillum.com/trc/kna). Deposit to go on the pilgrimage was due **March 25**, so check it out today!

**OUR BOOK READING DISCUSSION GROUP WILL CONTINUE THE BOOK: *To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa*** by Jim Towey. On WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 p.m., in the **Adult Learning Center**. All are welcome and bring your own book! Facilitated by Father Gregory.

**SHARE YOUR FAITH!** Our Third Graders are looking for a catechist! Prayerfully consider sharing your faith with the youth of our parish. Sessions are each Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Contact Nadine McGrady at [N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org](mailto:N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org) or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or to apply.

**DIVINE MERCY:** The Novena starts on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m., in the Chapel, following the 2:30 p.m. Rosary. It is said daily for 9 days concluding on the Sunday after Easter. Please pick up a pamphlet located in the commons, "Divine Merch and Novena."

**THERESIANS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, APRIL 16** between the Masses. We hope the Ladies of the Parish will consider joining us for social comradery, prayer and determining how we can support our Church and Parish Community.

#### **ST. THERESE HAITIAN TWINNING PROGRAM:**

The Parish Council approved St. Therese to enter a twinning program in Haiti. This program includes helping support Losabeilles Elementary School.

Currently, there are over 50 parishes in the Diocese of Richmond that are twinned with a parish or organization in Haiti and assist in supporting educational facilities. This support and partnership helps by providing materials and financial aid for more than 150 schools in the Diocese of Hinche.

The St. Therese twinning program will be based on a relationship and financial support to Losabeilles School. It is understood that each twinning partner has gifts to share with the other and that we stand with each other as we journey forward in faith.

If you have the passion to help those in need, especially children, please come to our Haiti Twinning Organizational Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Patullo at [cpatullo57@gmail.com](mailto:cpatullo57@gmail.com).

## GRATITUDE REPORT

**Weekend of March 18/19, 2023**  
**Actual Plate Contributions: \$4,766.02**  
**E-giving: \$5,562.00**  
**Other Contributions: \$971.00**  
**Weekly Grand Total: \$10,328.00**  
**Total Weekend Mass Count: 317**  
**Total Weekend Mass Views: 48**

**Annual Operating Budget \$681,077.00**  
**Weekly Offertory Needed: \$13,097.00**  
 Second collection for 4/2/23 will be for MMR

Online Giving



#### **SAINT BENEDICT THE AFRICAN'S STORY**

Benedict held important posts in the Franciscan Order and gracefully adjusted to other work when his

terms of office were up.

His parents were slaves brought from Africa to Messina, Sicily. Freed at 18, Benedict did farm work for a wage and soon saved enough to buy a pair of oxen. He was very proud of those animals. In time, he joined a group of hermits around Palermo and was eventually recognized as their leader. Because these hermits followed the Rule of Saint Francis, Pope Pius IV ordered them to join the First Order.

Benedict was eventually novice master and then guardian of the friars in Palermo – positions rarely held in those days by a brother. In fact, Benedict was forced to accept his election as guardian. And when his term ended, he happily returned to his work in the friary kitchen.

Benedict corrected the friars with humility and charity. Once he corrected a novice and assigned him a penance only to learn that the novice was not the guilty party. Benedict immediately knelt down before the novice and asked his pardon.

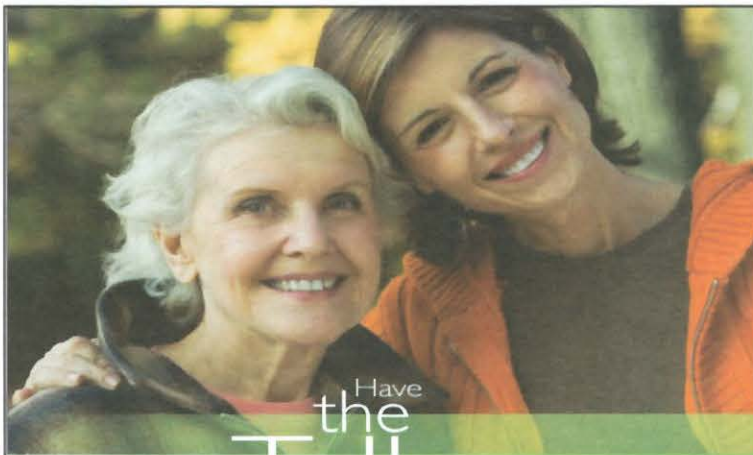
In later life, Benedict was not possessive of the few things he used. He never referred to them as "mine," but always called them "ours." His gifts for prayer and the guidance of souls earned him throughout Sicily a reputation for holiness. Following the example of Saint Francis, Benedict kept seven 40-day fasts throughout the year; he also slept only a few hours each night.

After Benedict's death, King Philip III of Spain paid for a special tomb for this holy friar. Canonized in 1807, he is honored as a patron saint by African Americans. The liturgical feast of Saint Benedict the African is celebrated on April 4.

**Reflection:** Among Franciscans, a position of leadership is limited in time. When the time expires, former leaders sometimes have trouble adjusting to their new position. The Church needs men and women ready to put their best energies into leadership – but also men and women who are gracefully willing to go on to other work when their time of leadership is over.

**Saint Benedict the African is a Patron Saint of African Americans.**





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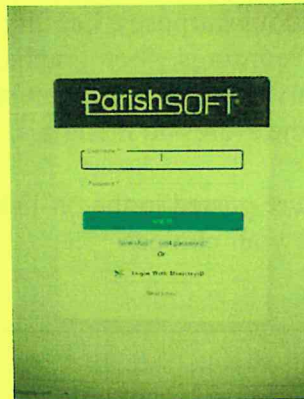
The Parish Council has discussed the possibility of a parish directory and has decided to move forward with setting up an online directory for our parishioners. The directory will be a place where parishioners can access the pictures and contact information of other parishioners and will act as a living document that can be updated periodically as parishioners join our Parish community.

We are asking parishioners, if they wish, to sign up to be included in our Parish directory by submitting the publicity release form on the back of this page and by following the below instructions to access your online database accounts. There is also a direct link on the front of our Parish webpage [stthersglo.org](http://stthersglo.org) which directs you to the Parishsoft site. Please click [FamilySuite](#) to be redirected.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Parish Council members. Thank you!

Please type: [Richmond.parishsoftfamilysuite.com](http://Richmond.parishsoftfamilysuite.com) or click the link from the webpage to register for MyOwnChurch which is the Parish database software we use. Once you register you can log in to check your donations, print your tax statements, update your address, phone, and member information. Once done, the office will receive and approve your request which will grant your access to the database. **Most importantly, we encourage you to upload a photo to our family directory!**

### INSTRUCTIONS



**Step 1: Choose "Church Of St. Therese" and User Name (will let you know if available)**

**Step 2: Fill in personal information**

**Step 3: Fill in email**

**Step 4: Click "Submit"**

**Step 5: Agree to terms**

**Step 6: Once submitted, you will receive an email approval with account information**

Please feel free to call Deb at 804-693-5939 and we will navigate this wonderful update together and thanks for your patience.

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The Church of St. Therese Parish in Gloucester, Virginia ("the parish"), and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond have opportunities throughout the year to promote the Catholic faith and activities through news stories in radio, TV, print and electronic media.

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## *Divine Mercy Novena*



This 9-Day prayer for Mercy begins on Good Friday 4/7/2023 and concludes Sat, 4/15/23.

Please join us in the Chapel Good Friday, as we pray the Rosary at 2:30 pm followed by the Novena at 3:00 p.m.

On Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, we pray the Novena at home. We resume praying in community on Monday April 10th at 3:00 p.m. and as scheduled below.

If you are unable to pray with us in person please pray the Novena from your home at the time you desire.

Novena Schedule: Day 1 Good Fri Apr 7th 3:00 pm in church/chapel

Day 2 Holy Sat. Apr 8th (at home)

Day 3 Easter Sunday Apr 9th (at home)

Day 4 Mon April 10th 3:00 pm in church/chapel

Day 5 Tues Apr 11th 3:00 pm in church/chapel

Day 6 Wed Apr 12th 3:00 pm in church/chapel

Day 7 Thur Apr 13th 3:00 pm in church/chapel

Day 8 Fri Apr 14th 3:00 pm in church/chapel

Day 9 Sat Apr 15th 3:00 pm in church/chapel

*Join us for celebration on Sunday 4/16 at 2:45 pm to celebrate this great feast on Divine Mercy Sunday, in the church to conclude with the Chaplet, quotes from St. Faustina, and give Thanks and Praise to our Lord.*

*Jesus, I Trust in You*